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**Faith & Friends**

Are you sharing your faith? When you finish reading *Faith & Friends* in the centre of this issue, pull it out and give it to someone who needs to hear about Christ's life-changing power. You'll both be glad you did.

## Thanksgiving is a Verb

It seems inadequate to designate just one day each year to give thanks. After all, we should be grateful every day for God's good gifts. When Jesus healed 10 lepers (see Luke 17:11-19), it's significant that only one—a Samaritan—returned to thank him. "Were not all 10 cleansed?" Jesus asked. It's easy to take our wealth and health for granted.

This issue of *Salvationist* reminds us that we have much to be grateful for. Our territory has a rich resource in Booth College (see page 8). Major Ray

Harris expounds on the beauty of music—both sacred and secular (page 20). And Ruud Tinga gives us a poignant snapshot of the Army's work in the slums of Kenya (page 22).

This Thanksgiving, are there ways you can share your plenty with those who are not as fortunate? Why not consider the Gifts of Hope campaign (page 31)? As you gather around the table for turkey dinner, remember that giving thanks is more than something we say. It's something we do.

**Geoff Moulton, Managing Editor**



## Renewal and Challenge at Women's Camps

The women of the Prairie and Northern Territories Division attended camps this spring at Pine Lake, Alta., and Beaver Creek, Sask. The first camp, held at Beaver Creek, featured Colonel Gwenyth Redhead and her daughter, Joanne Redhead. Their theme for the weekend was "My Beloved Daughter," which encouraged the women present to reflect on the privilege of living and believing as beloved daughters of God. Each session was full of inspiration and challenge to be women who walk in freedom and wholeness.

The second women's weekend, held in Alberta, was led by Joanne Redhead and her sister, Captain Corinne Cameron, CO, Haven of Hope Church, Regina. Together they shared the blessings of "Living Beloved." Features of both weekends included live auctions of gift baskets, which raised more than \$4,000 to assist the women's ministries mission team heading to Tanzania this fall.

At both camps, Joanne's book of songs, *Beauty for Ashes*, which expresses her healing from brokenness, was available. The women attending each camp experienced spiritual renewal and were challenged to an intimate and ongoing walk with God.



Women's camp leaders, Col Gwenyth Redhead, Mjr Donna Bond, DDWM, and Joanne Redhead

## New Addition to First-Aid Apparatus

Wyndfield Community Church, Brantford, Ont., has added a defibrillator to its first-aid kit. Church leaders believe it is a helpful addition for the new facility because of its increased community use. Paramedic Jason Brinson, a member of the Wyndfield congregation, has trained nine volunteers to administer the device. While they hope never to need it, the church is pleased to be prepared to assist those in need in emergency situations.



Cpts Dora and Garry Keeping, COs, with first-aid volunteers

## Recapturing the Wonder

The women of the Newfoundland and Labrador West Division were blessed as Commissioner Marilyn D. Francis, TPWM, helped them recapture the wonder of God's power in their lives at two camps this spring. Those present reflected on the beauty of the world around them and were challenged to follow their dreams by remembering the wonder of childhood.

During the camps, proceeds from fundraising projects totalling more than \$30,000 were presented. A highlight of the experience was the time spent together in a concert of prayer. God's Spirit was evident with two women seeking salvation during the course of the camps.



Commissioner Marilyn Francis enjoys a spring Christmas event during divisional women's camp

## Mobilize 2008 Prepares for Emergency Readiness

More than 200 delegates from across Canada met in Calgary this spring to participate in Mobilize, the first Canadian emergency disaster services training conference. Delegates prepared for many facets of active humanitarian service in crisis situations.



Mjr Cedric Hills addresses conference delegates

Among the speakers were Major Cedric Hills, international emergency services director, IHQ, who gave delegates a glimpse of the ongoing ministry of the Army in Peru, Kenya and India. Major David Dalberg, divisional disaster services director, Metropolitan Division, U.S.A. Central Territory, also shared his experiences as co-ordinator of Salvation Army response actions after the 9-11 terrorist attacks in New York City.

Mobilize was an opportunity for workers and volunteers to meet and exchange stories and ideas to further the ministry of emergency disaster services across the territory. More volunteers are still needed. If you would like to become involved, contact your nearest ministry unit for more information.



## Exhibit Commemorates *Empress of Ireland*



Members of Edmonton Temple Band take part in Empress of Ireland exhibit opening

anniversary of the sinking of the Empress of Ireland, the largest nautical disaster in Canadian history.

The Empress of Ireland sank in the St. Lawrence River May 29, 1914, after colliding with a freighter named the Storstad. The then-territorial commander, chief secretary, staff bandmaster and their families, along with the Canadian Staff Band, were among the 1,057 passengers travelling to an international congress in London, England. The collision took place at 2 a.m., and 14 minutes later, the ship had rolled over and sunk. More than 1,000 people died, including 167 Salvationists.

Twenty-nine members of the Edmonton band attended the ceremony, one for each staff band member lost in the disaster. Two minutes of silence were observed, followed by the band's rendition of *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*, the last tune played by the 1914 staff band.

This May, members of the Edmonton Temple Band took part in the opening of the Empress of Ireland exhibit at the Royal Alberta Museum. The event marked the 94th

## Red Serge Red Shield

Red Serge Red Shield Day was a fun and informative time for 128 residents at Ottawa Grace Manor. They were joined by six bus-loads of seniors from other long-term care facilities. Featured in and around Grace Manor were various RCMP displays on safety, fraud awareness and elder abuse in addition to information from the Alzheimer's Society and other community groups.

Bringing together the image of the RCMP uniform with The Salvation Army's Red Shield, the event gave seniors and their families simple tools to protect themselves from identity theft, counterfeiting, credit and bank card scams and fraudulent telemarketing schemes.

RCMP Inspector Greg Bowen stated,

"Fraud is never a victimless crime. When seniors are victims of fraud, they often lose their savings and self-esteem. Events like this are a great way to reach out to seniors and let them know that our organizations are committed to partner together to help protect them."

In addition to the serious business, there were opportunities for fun. The RCMP members displayed SWAT team weapons, police cruisers, motorcycles and watercraft. They also brought horses and members from the Musical Ride for the seniors to enjoy.

This was the third time the RCMP and The Salvation Army have partnered



Ottawa seniors meet members of RCMP Musical Ride

together in this event. Red Serge Red Shield has grown over the years and is an exciting day for all participants.

### Did you know...

...several high schools in Quebec allow students a choice between suspensions or volunteer service when facing disciplinary action? The teachers feel that it gives the students a productive alternative and allows them to become involved in their communities ... Trevor Lewis, a soldier at Victoria Citadel, B.C., was one of the scientists recognized for their contribution to a project on climate change that won a Nobel Prize? The award, shared between Lewis' group, the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate

Change, and former U.S. vice-president Al Gore, recognizes the efforts to provide information on climate change and what can be done to counteract it ...soft-serve ice cream, created in the 1930s by the founders of Dairy Queen and Carvel ice cream, is made from cream infused with as much as 60 percent air?

... *The Girl Who Invaded America*, by British Salvationist Ken Elliott, chronicles the life of Eliza Shirley, a 16-year-old who brought The Salvation Army to Philadelphia seven months before George Scott Railton arrived in

New York City?

...residents of the Calgary Young Offender Centre are contributing to their community through a unique gardening program? Residents grow a variety of vegetables, which are then donated to the Army's Centre of Hope in Calgary

...a new emergency response vehicle was dedicated in Parry Sound, Ont., to be used in Friday night ministries? At the dedication ceremony, Cpt Peter van Duinen, CO, recognized the support of the community in the acquisition of this equipment



# Help in the Heart of Quebec City



Salvation Army hostels provide refuge for the down-and-out amid luxury hotels in one of Canada's oldest cities

**Givette Titcombe-Volet**, Social Services Director, Quebec Division, and **Captain Kim Walter**, Editor, Edge for Kids

**Hôtellerie pour Hommes provides shelter for homeless men in historic Quebec City**

our neighbour right here in the heart of Quebec City."

## Maison Charlotte


Maison Charlotte opened in 1998 in memory of Mrs. Major Charlotte Booth. She, along with her husband, Major Stuart Booth, provided leadership in Quebec in the 1980s. Trained as a nurse in France, she recognized the need to support women in difficult circumstances.

Maison Charlotte houses 18 women and offers a place that encourages them to become self-sufficient and to develop healthy relationships in their communities. Staff are knowledgeable about the services available in Quebec City and help clients find the physical and mental health services they require, detoxification and drug and alcohol treatment, education and employment skills. They try to help women gain employment and become independent.

Suzanne was one such client. Diagnosed with schizophrenia, she was an angry woman who dressed provocatively to shock people who saw her. She quarrelled regularly with the counsellors and other women at Maison Charlotte.

In time, Suzanne began to accept the support she was offered. As she became involved in the activities at the centre, a transformation began in her life.

Today, Suzanne's relationship with her husband and young son has been re-established. The family has returned to their home and is making good progress.

Since its ministry began 10 years ago, Maison Charlotte has been operating at full capacity, sharing God's love in a practical way. It provides care to women like Suzanne who have nowhere else to turn. 

Luc arrived at the Hôtellerie without a penny in his pocket. He had been evicted from a Quebec City shelter because of his alcohol and drug use. After agreeing to abide by the rules at the Army's Hôtellerie pour Hommes, he was given a bed in its dormitory.

A week later, Luc moved into a permanent room in the hostel, giving its team the opportunity to begin working with him. Luc began attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and soon had his three-month certificate of sobriety. He also began a snow-shovelling contract. Staff helped him manage his money, obtain his identification documents and complete several years of income tax forms.

Luc has now moved to a rooming house and lives independently. He still receives the support he requires to stay away from alcohol and drugs, but he is living responsibly and on his own.

## Hôtellerie pour Hommes

Men like Luc are the reason the Hôtellerie ministers in Quebec City. It opened in 1958, providing short- and long-term accommodation for homeless men and a social support for seniors who are in danger of becoming isolated. The Hôtellerie strives to go beyond simply providing food and lodging, offering an all-encompassing service of care and concern within a supportive environment.

Lucie Millette, program co-ordinator at the Hôtellerie as well as Maison Charlotte, credits the committed staff with progress

she sees clients making. "We are proud of our employees who care about their work," she says, "and particularly about the residents."

The facility underwent a major renovation in the late 1990s. While preserving its



**Lucie Millette, program co-ordinator, and Josée Thériault, counsellor at Maison Charlotte**

historic façade, the interior was completely rebuilt to provide improved lodging for residents. Since that time it has focused on giving care to men with mental health challenges, offering short- and long-term stay programs for those who are unable to live on their own.

Millette points out the contrasts highlighting the needs of Quebec City's less fortunate. "In the midst of expensive hotels and the thousands of tourists who come to visit our beautiful city, we are able to provide a service to those who have nowhere to go. We are happy to be able to help



# Passionate Life in Service

Salvation Army officership will bring you tears of joy and sorrow, and stretch you in ways you never imagined

by **Captain Jodi Dunstan**, Corps Officer, Ocean Crest, Campbell River, B.C.



**W**e have all heard the expression, “I never really appreciated my mother until I became one.” I believe the same applies to Salvation Army officers. I never really appreciated my corps officers until I became one.

For the past year, this has been my reality. Since we were commissioned in June 2007, my husband, Mark, and I have had a year full of love, learning and laughter—all of which have been keys to a positive experience as first-time officers.

In reality, I am not so much passionate about being a Salvation Army officer as I am about connecting people to God and to each other. For me, that is what officership—and life in general—is all about. My passion for officership comes from the reality that it is an awesome calling that allows God to use me to help people make these life-changing connections.

Life does not come without the good and the bad, the positive and the negative, the best and the worst. The Salvation Army is no different. It comes with some amazing qualities, but also some weaker ones. On the whole, however, it is a Movement with an exceptional reputation for Giving Hope Today, both in Canada and Bermuda and around the

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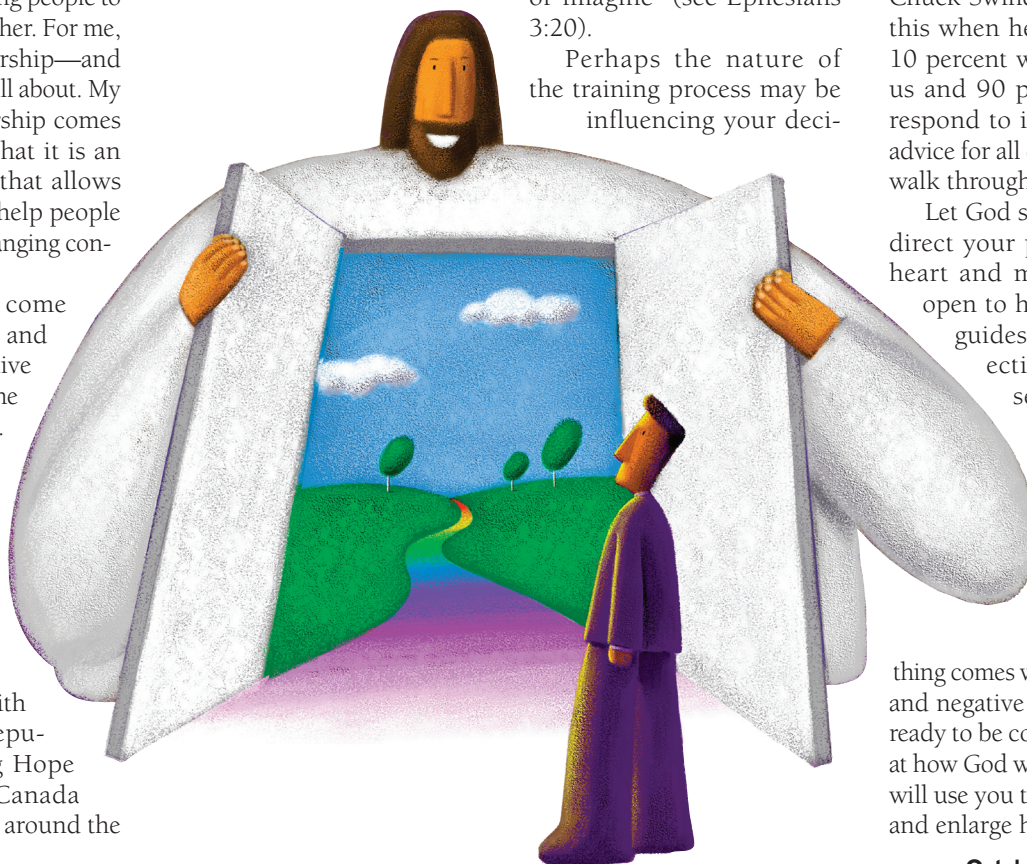
world. Though under human direction, it is ordained and governed by the Holy Spirit. That alone is worth committing to and being passionate about.

If you are contemplating full-time ministry and sense God is calling you to be a Salvation Army officer, I strongly encourage you to respond. God has blessed The Salvation Army and enabled it to make a tremendous difference in this world. Officership will bring you tears of joy and sorrow, help you grow and learn, and stretch you in ways you never imagined. It will draw you closer to Jesus, allowing him to do “immeasurably more than all [you] ask or imagine” (see Ephesians 3:20).

Perhaps the nature of the training process may be influencing your deci-

sion making. The wonderful things about the training are the relationships you will build, the knowledge you will gain and the constant focus on nurturing your own relationship with God. All of this comes with the added bonus of living in a beautiful new residence and enjoying the journey of life with others who are just as passionate about serving God in deep and meaningful ways. Don’t get me wrong—there are difficult days at training college, too. It’s certainly not without its challenges. But if we focus on the positive aspects, the negative ones are more easily overlooked as we learn and grow through them. Author Chuck Swindoll reflected on this when he wrote, “Life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it.” This is great advice for all of us in our daily walk through life.

Let God speak to you and direct your path. May your heart and mind always be open to his leading. If he guides you in the direction of full-time service through Salvation Army officership, I encourage you to be open to daily challenges and learning. Be aware that everything comes with both positive and negative realities, and be ready to be constantly amazed at how God works and how he will use you to reflect his light and enlarge his Kingdom. S







# The Future Looks *Bright*

Booth College seeks to boost enrolment and expand its global impact

by Dr. Donald E. Burke, President, William and Catherine Booth College

**T**he moment of revelation came unexpectedly. It was summer 2006, and I had invited an external consulting firm to provide The Salvation Army's Booth College in Winnipeg with some advice regarding our efforts to encourage more students to enrol. At the end of the initial consultation, the consultant concluded by saying, "The fundamental challenge that Booth College faces is that it doesn't know what it is, what it wants to be and where it wants to go." Those words hit hard, especially since I had been deeply involved in the college since it opened in 1982.

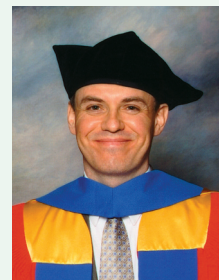
That moment proved to be a turning point in the life of Booth College as it impelled us to take action. When our board of trustees received my report a few weeks later, they responded immediately and enthusiastically to the challenge. The board quickly arranged for a retreat to create a focused vision for the future of the college. The vision we received pictured Booth College as a "growing Christian university college of choice." Once the board adopted this new vision as policy, it became my responsibility, as president of the college, to implement it.

The faculty and staff of

## Dr. Andrew M. Eason

**I**t's been a long road for Dr. Andrew Eason. He first came to Booth College as a student in 1984. After graduating in 1988, Andrew continued his studies at the University of Waterloo, Tyndale Theological Seminary, the University of Windsor and the University of Calgary.

In the process he has become an accomplished scholar and writer. His book, *Women in God's Army: Gender and Equality in The Salvation Army*, takes a critical look at the place of women in the early Army. Regarding his education at Booth College, Dr. Eason observes, "Booth prepared me to view the world from a Christian perspective, to think critically, and to value the diverse backgrounds of fellow students and faculty." In January, Andrew will return to Winnipeg to join the faculty of Booth College and will become one of those who shape the next generation of students.





Booth College have embraced this vision with passion. We have developed a strategic plan to guide the transformation of Booth College over several years. We are taking the first steps toward the implementation of our new mission statement and the realization of our dream for Booth College.

### What's Different?

One might rightly ask, "What is so different about this new direction for Booth College?" To answer this question, I want to focus on several elements of the phrase "a growing Christian university college of choice."

The first key word is "**growing**." We see Booth College as an institution that is growing, both in terms of enrolment and its impact. Over the past two years we have more than doubled the number of new

students entering the college in the fall. This growth will continue as we add new programs that will attract new students. But the growth we seek is not only numerical; it is also a growth in the impact that our students and graduates have on the world. We want our graduates to be articulate, informed and effective agents of transformation in our world.

The second expression that describes our future is "**university college**." We plan to transform Booth College so that its programs, courses and ethos characterize a small, focused university. We will create new faculty positions and academic programs that will appeal to more students. At the same time, we will continue to offer programs designed to serve the leadership needs of The Salvation Army in our own territory and internationally.

Third, we refer to ourselves as a "**Christian university college**" because we want to make it absolutely clear that Christian faith stands at the centre of college life. There is no compromise on this point. Booth College, as a Salvation Army institution, will always stand clearly within the Army's Wesleyan theological tradition. We want Booth College to become a place where faith, learning and service come together in a vital partnership.

Finally, we speak of a "growing Christian university college **of choice**" because we are committed to quality in

everything we do. We want Booth College to become one of the finest Christian universities in Canada. We want our faculty and students to be of the highest calibre. We want our programs to be recognized as challenging and effective. We want to ensure that students of Booth College are able to move into graduate programs at universities across the country. We want our focus on Christian faith to be thoughtful, passionate and strong. We want faculty and students to come here because they know that we are committed to the highest standards of educational quality and to the integration of faith, learning and service.

### New Opportunities

What will Booth College look like in the coming years?

1. **We will offer a wider range of degree programs for students.** Building upon the strong foundation of our bachelor of social work program, we are going to create new degree programs in religion, English and film studies, behavioural sciences (psychology and sociology), business, sciences

*We want our graduates to be articulate, informed and effective agents of transformation in our world*

### Dianna Bussey

When Dianna Bussey came to Booth College as a student in 1988, she planned to complete a one-year program and then move on to other educational opportunities. But she felt God's leading to enter Booth's social work program. Through this program, Dianna became involved in correctional and justice services, a field in which she has worked ever since. When she graduated from Booth College in 1992, Dianna started working at The Salvation Army's correctional and justice services office in Winnipeg and, in 2002, became its director.



What gives Dianna the greatest fulfilment is her work on behalf of victims of commercial sexual exploitation. As chairperson of the Territorial Anti-Human Trafficking Network, Dianna works to bring coherence to the territory's efforts to create awareness of human trafficking, to lobby for necessary changes in legislation to protect those trapped in the sex trade and to serve those who are victims or survivors of human trafficking. Along the way, Dianna has been the president of the Manitoba Association of Social Workers and the Manitoba Institute of Registered Social Workers. She now serves as secretary of the Board of the Manitoba Criminal Justice Association.

Dianna's response to the divine leading she felt in her first year at Booth College has made a difference not only to her, but to those who benefit from her passion and skill. Her education prepared Dianna to make a difference in ways that no one could have imagined when she first arrived at the college in 1988.

### Peter Hickman

Shortly after being married, Peter and Ruth Hickman decided to move from Victoria to Winnipeg so that Peter could attend Booth College. Peter chose Booth College because he wanted a rich educational experience with small classes, lively class discussions and opportunities to engage with his professors. He hasn't been disappointed. Peter has found that he can't blend into the background in classes and that more is expected of him.

At Booth College, Peter has been challenged to think deeply about the foundations of his Christian faith and to learn how that faith motivates him to serve others. His studies in history, sociology and literature have broadened his outlook. He observes, "I have learned to reason and think for myself. I have learned to step out of my social comfort zone. Booth College has allowed me to become more confident in myself and my abilities." Peter has been admitted to the social work program and looks forward to the new opportunities that his studies will bring him.







(beginning with biology) and other fields. This will take time, but we plan to launch several of the new programs in the next two years.

**2. We will create a vibrant co-curricular program on our Winnipeg campus.** This will provide a fertile environment for our students to develop their Christian faith and service. Increased opportunities for worship, athletics, special lectures, cultural events, concerts, travel, urban service

learning and other focused activities will create a milieu in which faith, learning and service are woven together.

**3. We will continue to partner with the College for Officer Training to offer a degree program for cadets and officers across the territory.** We will strengthen this program so that it better prepares officers for their varied ministries. In addition, we will continue to develop and offer innovative certificate programs

that support the transforming ministry of Salvation Army personnel.

**4. We will expand our involvement with the international Salvation Army to develop indigenous leadership in the developing world.**

We have been working internationally for several years, but we now have opportunities for further development. In co-operation with our territory and the international Army, we will identify areas where we can make the greatest contribution and pursue them.


### **Making Vision a Reality**

We will only accomplish these initiatives if we remain attentive to the leading of God and receive his blessing. In my short time as president of Booth College, I have seen countless signs that God is blessing the college. Doors closed for years are now opening up to us. The support of friends, The Salvation Army, and government and educational officials

appears to be coalescing. This is a marvellous time of grace in the life of Booth College.

Our college team is committed to making this dream a reality. There is a singleness of purpose and we are ready to move forward.

We need more students and faculty who will embrace this vision of Booth College. We need Salvationist students and Salvationist faculty who will see their involvement here as an opportunity to create a Salvationist university for the future.

Having envisioned the future of Booth College, we know that we can't make the vision a reality on our own. As Booth College seeks to be a "growing Christian university college of choice," we ask for your prayers and other support. With your assistance and God's blessing, I anticipate that in the years to come we shall look back on the summer of 2006 as a defining moment in the life of Booth College. 



*"It was very interesting to read Cheryl's papers and see what she was getting out of class. With her permission, I've used her papers as examples for other students. She's had a ripple effect in my career."*

Dr Michael Boyce  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

*"A lot more is expected of students at Booth. As a result it makes us better prepared for the work we'll do."*

Cheryl Penner, BSW 2008

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**W**hy do people marry? What does a good relationship look like? What makes love last? One of the reasons marriage can be so difficult is because of what we think “love” is. The jumbled impressions and false expectations we receive from the media, family, friends and even the Church can leave us confused and discouraged.

Here are some myths about love and marriage, followed by truths that can help strengthen our relationships.

**MYTH: Romantic love will always remain at the same level of intensity.** For partners contemplating the passionate thrill of the honeymoon, this may seem hard to swallow! In *The Road Less Travelled*, Dr. M. Scott Peck says that “no matter whom we fall in love with, we sooner or later fall out of love.” He doesn’t mean we will stop loving our spouses but, rather, is referring to the waning of those intense and exciting falling-in-love feelings that can overwhelm us in the beginning.

**TRUTH:** Love deepens and matures over time. The initial passion sets the stage for true intimacy to develop and grow. Deep and satisfying physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual intimacy strengthens the cord of commitment. Over the marital lifetime, while love may be a constant, the experience of love will change. Couples need to know that love is much more than a feeling. Feelings are fickle at best and can come and go like the wind. It’s good to know that on the days when I don’t feel particularly “in love” with my spouse, I don’t have to live in dread, fearing that “love” has gone.

**MYTH: My spouse will make me whole.** This myth perpetuates the idea that successful couples are somehow “right” for each other, that every problem should magically resolve itself. Those having difficulty often begin to wonder if they have made a terrible mistake. This leads to unrealistic expectations and demands (for example, “If my spouse really loved me, he would make me happy”). Low self-esteem and codependence often characterize these relationships.

# Marriage Myths

Just because God brought you together, doesn’t mean married life is going to be easy

by Major Bob Armstrong

Corps Officer, The Willows—A Community Church of The Salvation Army, Langley, B.C.



**TRUTH:** While it is mathematically true that two halves make a whole, it is not true relationally. The biblical equation of “two becoming one” suggests that it takes two complete, separate individuals to join together to successfully establish one relationship. In *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts*, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott note: “Marriage challenges us to new heights and calls us to be the best person possible, but neither marriage nor our partner will magically make us whole.” If all I bring to my relationship is my own neediness, then I will have little to put into it. On the other hand, if I am more concerned about *being* the right person as opposed to *finding* the right person, I will be in a place to give. And that’s what relationships need to grow and flourish.

**MYTH: If it takes hard work, it must be wrong.** Some Christians assume that if God has brought them together, then married life should be easy. Not so! At marriage retreats and relationship seminars, my wife and I ask couples how much time they invest in their relationships. We are often met with blank stares and silence.

**TRUTH:** Most of us are busy with full-time jobs, sky-high mortgages and family concerns. But marriage, like everything else, *does* take work. And it’s the kind of work that requires creativity, flexibility and lots of energy. Marriages do not reach their potential when they are on the bottom of the priority list. Often the rough edges of our personalities or unresolved personal issues come to light in the context of marriage. But problems do not suggest failure. Working through challenges as a couple contributes to emotional and relational growth.

Breaking down these myths is an ongoing process. As couples work together they will learn which expectations are realistic and healthy and which are not. Honestly sharing feelings of disappointment or dissatisfaction will help this process along.

So what healthy, realistic expectations *can* be applied to love and marriage? Here are a few to build on:

1. Expect your feelings to fluctuate from time to time. This is normal, healthy and predictable and is not reflective of a lack of love for each other.
2. Expect to complement each other with your differences and similarities. However, realize neither one of you can make the other whole.
3. Expect to learn and grow together as you invest time and energy in building your relationship.

## Questions to Ask Yourself

What is the purpose of a good marriage? What is our greatest strength as a couple?

How will we celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and special days?

What does romance look like to me?

What kinds of things will I do to show my spouse that I love him/her? S



# God Counts the Apples in a Seed

Through the Army's child sponsorship program, Bonnie and Gwyn Evans helped a five-year-old child grow up to be a nurse and a Salvation Army officer

by **Mary Read Horton**, *Consultant for Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, THQ Corps Ministries*

**H**ave you ever wanted to do something really amazing, but thought, "It's too big, too impossible or too much to ask?" Gwyn and Bonnie Evans are Salvationists from North Toronto Community Church who saw God do something far beyond their imagining.

More than two decades ago, Gwyn and Bonnie responded to the need for child sponsors and began financially supporting Gertha, a five-year-old Haitian girl living at a Salvation Army home. As she matured, their connection grew stronger and when her official sponsorship ended at the age of 18, they accepted responsibility for Gertha's training to become a nurse.

Normally, sponsors and sponsored children only correspond through official channels and rarely meet in person. But Bonnie and Gwyn travelled to Jamaica earlier this year to witness Gertha be commissioned as a Salvation Army officer, along with her husband, Eddie.

Gertha, now 27, frequently wrote to Bonnie and Gwyn over the years, affectionately referring to them as "Mom" and "Dad." In one letter she shared her belief that, "What you did for me, you did with your heart, not because you had to, or will gain something, but because you really care for others."

When they met for the first time, there were no reservations or handshakes. They were with family, and shared many hugs and tears. Bonnie gave Gertha copies of all of the letters they had received from her over the 22 years. Incredulous that the Evans felt the letters important enough to keep, Gertha read once again her words to Gwyn and Bonnie: "You have played your part in reflecting God's character." Seeing the Evans as her spiritual parents, Gertha speaks of her joy at being able to imitate the leper in Luke 17:15-19 who was the only one who remembered to come back to Jesus and thank him for his healing.

For Gwyn and Bonnie, God had a surprise in store for them. Gertha wanted them



**Top: Bonnie and Gwyn travel to Jamaica to visit Gertha and Eddie; bottom: receiving Silver Star pins in recognition of their role in Gertha's life**

to be at her commissioning so they could receive the Silver Star. The Fellowship of the Silver Star is a special honour given in The Salvation Army to parents and spiritual mentors of individuals who become officers. It is given "in recognition of the influence that parents and others have had on their children during the formative years of their life and for the support the children have been given in following their calling as Salvation Army officers."

Even more than this part of their story, the Evans want to clearly communicate the passion they have for child sponsorship, and the delight they would feel in knowing that others were moved by their experience to sponsor one or more children themselves.

If you were to visit their home, you would be treated to photo albums and scrapbooks filled with the evidence of more

than 20 years of connection with sponsored children from around the world—17 of them altogether, and always four at a time. It's inspiring to see their joy in being involved in these children's lives.

"There's so much excitement when you get mail," says Bonnie, "and there is news and photographs and pictures from your child." The experience has been rewarding, and the Evans have never considered dropping out of the program. They are careful to say they haven't done it for the thanks they get, because there's no guarantee of that. What they do subscribe to is written on a plaque in their home: "Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in a seed." **S**

*For more information on child sponsorship or to sponsor a child, visit [Salvationist.ca/Sponsorship](http://Salvationist.ca/Sponsorship)*



# An Explosion of Kindness

After a Toronto fire destroyed the Army's storage of food and toys, the business community immediately offered generous support

by Bramwell Ryan

Smoke isn't usually part of the Sunday morning service at The Salvation Army's Korean Community Church in Toronto. But on Sunday, May 4, exhortation turned into evacuation when thick clouds started blowing into the sanctuary and the alarms started pounding.

The Korean church meets in a large warehouse on Railside Drive, a facility in midtown Toronto owned by the Army and shared with several other ministries. The largest occupant of the building is the Railside Distribution Centre, where donated food and toys are sorted before being trucked to Army ministries throughout the Ontario Central-East Division. On that Sunday in May, a light bulb exploded, bits of burning metal fell onto boxes of toys and soon a roaring fire was underway throughout the 80,000-square-foot facility.

When the Korean congregation saw the smoke they ran outside and called the fire department. By the time firefighters arrived it was too late to save anything. Items not burned were lost to smoke damage or to the high-powered sprinklers.

The damage was major—268 skids of food and 100,000 toys were destroyed. According to Carol McDougall, director of risk management at THQ, the insurance claim for the building totalled \$1.3 million. The value of the donated goods, which were not insured, was \$3.2 million. "After the fire we really saw the community and suppliers rally around to help," she says.

By the time the embers cooled, the Korean congregation had arranged temporary accommodation. The Broadview Enrichment program for developmentally delayed workers had found new locations to temporarily continue their work while cleanup and restoration of the Railside facility took place.


Relocating the distribution centre was a harder task. With a need for 40,000 square feet of warehouse space plus equipment, it was hard to just pick up and move, but planning was underway to find a new home even while fire crews were battling the blaze. Within an hour of news of the fire getting out, Stefan Ciotlos, executive vice-president and executive managing director of real estate giant CB Richard

very generous," says Barrett.

The need to get the distribution centre operational again as fast as possible was acute. The centre supplies food to Salvation Army ministries throughout the Toronto region, ensuring that 90,000 people eat every year. "For a while we were completely homeless," says Milton Parissis, CEO of the Railside Distribution and Ministry Support Services, who started his job just weeks prior to the fire. "We continued deliveries but stored everything in the trucks, sorting things in the parking lot. Grand & Toy's offer of warehouse space meant we could get back to being fully operational."

And it wasn't just a spot to store and ship food. Grand & Toy quickly refurbished and offered a small suite of offices to the Army's distribution staff along with an offer to stay as long as needed. "It was a spontaneous and magnanimous offer," says Parissis.

For Grand & Toy, the desire to help was quickly put into action. The warehouse, located behind their national head office, wasn't in use and according to Kevin Edwards, marketing vice-president, there was a clear opportunity to help. "It wasn't 'why should we share the space?' It was 'why wouldn't we?' The impact The Salvation Army has on people meant that not only was the organization affected, but so were the vulnerable people they work with. We wanted to make them at home so their work could go on."

Such community support is vital to the Army's ministry. "The Salvation Army is so often helping others in need that it was incredible to have the corporate community step up and support us when the tables were turned," says Captain John Murray, divisional secretary for public relations and development. "The gift of space from Grand & Toy enabled us to quickly assess our needs and continue to provide services." 



Grand & Toy personnel assist Salvation Army workers

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Ellis Canada and a member of the Army's Toronto advisory board, was on the phone with Jeff Barrett, divisional property secretary.

Ciotlos had worked his contacts and was able to report to Barrett that ING Real Estate had donated space for the PLUS program, a work-adjustment training program, and its 80 employees. And Grand & Toy, the office supply company, had offered a 40,000-square-foot warehouse located just two kilometres from the Railside location. "The response was immediate and



# Ethics Matter

The Salvation Army reinforces its commitment to high standards of financial accountability

by Linda Leigh, Staff Writer, Public Relations and Development, THQ

**T**he Salvation Army's goal is simple: to give hope to those who need it most. As the Army continues to provide a wide range of services in 400 communities across Canada, we recognize that without donor support it would be impossible to continually serve more than 1.5 million people every year.

The generous contributions made by donors allow us to provide practical assistance for children and families, shelter for homeless people and rehabilitation for people with addictions. The services provided are diverse, meeting the needs of specific communities.

From Christmas kettles, annual fundraising campaigns, online giving and direct mail, donations are critical to the work of The Salvation Army. We highly value our relationship with


donors and we believe that transparency and accountability are essential to our success. With this in mind, the Army is one of more than 100 charities that have recently adopted Imagine Canada's new Ethical Fundraising and Accountability Code. Imagine Canada is a non-profit organization that advances the role and interests of Canada's charitable and voluntary sectors.

The ethical code lays out a set of principles for charitable organizations to follow that will enable them to report their financial affairs responsibly. By adhering to these standards, The Salvation Army is complying with generally accepted practices for soliciting and managing donor dollars.

People are careful with their money and want to know where it is going. Graham Moore, territorial public rela-

tions and development secretary, says, "Unlike the past where donors permitted The Salvation Army to use their money wherever we deemed best, today's donors want to know their choices, how to direct their funds and how they can be assured their donation is making a difference."

According to the Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating, nine out of 10 Canadians make charitable contributions. Other research shows individual donations are growing annually. From 1995 to 2005, donations grew by 79 percent. This represents an annualized growth of 7.2 percent.

By signing on to the code, The Salvation Army is reinforcing its commitment to high standards of accountability. For a copy of the Ethical Fundraising and Financial Accountability Code, visit [www.imaginecanada.ca/en/ethicalcode](http://www.imaginecanada.ca/en/ethicalcode). 

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# Ambassadors of Holiness

Christ calls each of us to follow him. Are you up to the challenge?

by Major Beverly Ivany, Secretary for Candidates, THQ

It's no secret that Salvationists have high standards to live up to. When we become soldiers—full members of The Salvation Army—we sign a covenant that confirms both our acceptance of the Army's 11 articles of faith and our willingness to adhere to a disciplined Salvation Army lifestyle.

We are a holiness Movement. Our roots are with John Wesley and we believe that holiness is not an option for the Christian way of living. Our Founders, William and Catherine Booth, along with other early Army leaders, wrote books on holiness and the necessity of Salvationists adopting this way of life. It is part of our heritage.

But it is also very much a part of who we are today. God knows that holiness is sorely needed in a culture that defies the very essence of what it is all about. The world needs people who have a deep passion for Christ and who want to make a difference—ambassadors of holiness who will reach out to a hurting world and share the life-changing gospel of Christ.

## Compassionate Hearts

There is injustice all around us. There are people who have been victimized or ostracized because of race or social status, people from broken, dysfunctional home environments, people who are poor or marginalized. The Salvation Army is known to help those in need. But is every person who identifies with the Army ready and willing to go to whatever lengths it takes to show compassion and empathy for these individuals?

As ambassadors of holi-

ness, we need to be ready to show compassion toward those who are hurting and broken. We must be prepared to feel their pain as we reach out to those who desperately need both the loving arms of people who care for them and the all-powerful, all-compassionate arms of their heavenly Father. It is our individual and corporate act of worship. The Bible says that we are to “worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness” (Psalm 96:9).

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## Spiritual Disciplines

We live in a culture that exalts extravagance and promotes degradation. There are so many choices: food, coffee, clothes, cars, music, videos. At times, it becomes not only confusing, but overwhelming.

Ambassadors of holiness are not perfect, but people who take the whole area of spiritual disciplines to heart in their chosen lifestyle. These include:

**Prayer**—setting aside time each day to commune and converse with God.

**Scripture**—daily reading God's Word and integrating it into everyday life.

**Silence and Solitude**—taking time to be alone, cutting out

the “noise” of the world.

**Simplicity**—trying to live a simple, pure, godly life.

It is a willingness to be disciplined in whatever way God sees fit. “God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness” (Hebrews 12:10).

## Humility of Spirit

Sometimes we focus on our accomplishments and skills and believe we're better than others. It is so easy in our

for “without holiness no one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14).

## Christlikeness

General John Gowans (Rtd) wrote a chorus that says simply, “To be like Jesus! This hope possesses me.” Does it really possess us—this desire to be like Christ? Are we passionate about living a life of holiness, to the point of sharing this life with others?

An ambassador of holiness



society to get puffed up, and this is also possible within the Church. We get a certain recognition and then think we're somehow above others.

Yet when God seeks ambassadors of holiness, he wants people who realize their inadequacies and recognize that true holiness is possible only through his grace and mercy. We are all sinners. Most of us have messed up in our lives at one time or another.

Humility is when we daily come before God, seeking his face, his holiness—asking, in humility, that he impart his blessing upon us. He needs humble people who take this holiness very seriously. We are commanded to “be holy,”

is one who claims God's love, along with his power to forgive, cleanse and restore. Once claimed for ourselves, we can bring hope and freedom to others through his saving grace.

Ambassadors of Holiness is the sessional name for those entering training as Salvation Army officers in September 2009. It will be an awesome task to bear this title, with all its implications. Yet what a privilege to stand before God, in obedience to his call, and humbly offer oneself for service in this way.

Christ calls all of us to be his ambassadors of holiness. How about you? Are you up to the challenge? ☞





# Never Give Up

Perseverance prevails when we allow Christ to strengthen us for his work

**Commissioner William W. Francis, Territorial Commander**

**H**appy Thanksgiving! As we pause this month to be thankful for God's abundant provisions, we must remember and pray for those who are not particularly thankful this Thanksgiving. At all times, there are those who today will face difficult circumstances and overwhelming challenges. Indeed, we all experience dark days of the soul. The only answer to overcoming tough times is to hold on to God's promises with a radical trust and uncompromising perseverance.

During the Second World War, Great Britain's renowned prime minister, Winston Churchill, visited Harrow School on October 29, 1941. He came to once again hear the traditional songs he had sung there as a youth, as well as to speak to the students. His brief address became one of his most quoted. Churchill concluded by reiterating the indispensable characteristic of success: "Never, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever give up. Never give up. Never give up. Never give up."

Church history overflows with examples of individuals who never gave up. As a Baptist pastor, William Carey (1761-1834) sensed God's call to India. His distinguished 41-year missionary service in that part of the world got off to a shaky start when his passage ended up in the hands of the wrong shipping agent. Upon his eventual arrival, Carey was not permitted into the country. He was forced to take refuge in the Danish colony at Serampore. After years



of translating the Bible into one of the Indian languages, he found that his assistant was leading him astray in the linguistic interpretation of the biblical words. Through it all, he never gave up.

When Carey and his fellow-workers had eventually completed the manuscripts of several Indian languages, they stored the only copies in a building. One night, the building caught fire and all the manuscripts were destroyed. But Carey did not give up! Because of his perseverance, when he died at age 73, he had overseen the Scriptures translated and printed into 40 languages. He had been a college professor and had founded a college at Serampore. He witnessed India opening its doors to the gospel. All this because he never gave up.


Commissioner (Dr.) Harry Williams received the Order of the Founder in November 2005. Today, at 95, he is a liv-

*The only answer to overcoming tough times is to hold on to God's promises with a radical trust*

ing example of what it means to never give up. For 30 years, the commissioner served with his wife, Eileen, in four of The Salvation Army's major hospitals in the India sub-continent. He became an authority in plastic surgery and in 1970 was admitted to the Order of the British Empire. His illustrious life and accomplishments would take a book to document, and the maxim "He never gave up" would be an

appropriate closing sentence to each chapter.

The writer to the Hebrews summarizes the foundation of victorious living by challenging Christians to follow the example of those in the past whose motto was Never Give Up! "Therefore," the writer concludes, "since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (Hebrews 12:1).

For those facing difficult days ahead, the challenge persists. Never, ever, ever, ever give up. Persevere. With God's help, victory is just around the corner. Jesus' promise is available and effective—"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Hallelujah! 





ARC staff know the joy of seeing God work in other people's lives

# A Place of Renewal

Through innovative programs and partnerships, the Edmonton ARC has achieved success one client at a time

by Ken Ramstead, Editor, Faith & Friends

If Major Roy Bridger, executive director of The Salvation Army's Addictions and Residential Centre (ARC) in Edmonton, needs to remind himself of the program's success, he only has to look across the conference table to Joe McCharles, the maintenance manager.

Three years ago, Joe came to ARC straight from prison. A crack cocaine addict, he lost his wife and his home, and ended up living on the streets of Edmonton for a year. Arrested and released from prison, he was court-ordered to attend the Anchorage, a Salvation Army addiction treatment program for men and women. "I didn't want to be there," he says now, "but something changed in me after a month." He was able to finish at the Anchorage and eventually began working at The Salvation Army. "ARC's been a tremendous blessing for me in my recovery."

Joe started out in the maintenance department as one of the employees. Now he is the maintenance manager. In that capacity, he prays with his staff at the start of the day. "He spends as much time counselling his staff as he does managing them," says Major Bridger.

## More Than a Place to Stay

The Edmonton ARC has offered addiction services—residential and community-based—to Edmonton and surrounding area since the early 1900s. In recent years, the facility has gone through an exciting period of transformation. "We look at our buildings as more than just bricks and mortar," explains Major Bridger. "Instead, we see them as havens of hope that hold out opportunities for changing lives. We believe that the people we serve all have the potential to become productive citizens."

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The ARC consists of a single men's residence, a men's supportive residence, the Anchorage, and the Keystone and Cornerstone apartments for those in recovery. But when Major Bridger came on staff two years ago, he noticed a disconnect between the hostel and addictions staffs.

"There seemed to be a silo effect

between the departments, with little cooperation," he observed. Under Major Bridger's direction, the philosophy of the centre has changed. "Our attention has turned to the client and resident," Major Bridger states. "Recognizing their potential is the number-one focus of what we do." Staff have grasped the concept. Partnerships have developed between the addictions and hostel staffs, and this spirit of collegiality has taken root.

"Word has spread," Major Bridger says. "Previously, the people that came to us off the street were looking for a place to stay. Now they come in with higher expectations—believing that we're going to do more for them."


## New Hopes, New Beginnings

"We're trying to get away from the idea of *client* and *resident* by using the term *guest*," continues Major Bridger. "A client or a resident could be a long-term person; a guest is someone who comes for a short time." More than that, a guest is someone you welcome and serve, someone with a human face, who is more than a statistic.

Guests are strongly encouraged to find work or go to school. Weekly on-site meetings with counsellors are mandatory, and classes are given in life skills, anger management, budgeting and financial issues. The courses are all designed to get people back into gainful employment.

"We don't want this to become a permanent home," says Major Bridger. "ARC should be a place of transition, a place of renewal, a place of hope and new beginnings."

The success of ARC's efforts has not gone unnoticed in the community. "People are looking at this facility—and the Army and what it does—differently than they did a few years ago," comments Major Bridger. "They are seeing the Army not only as a place to stay but a place that's helping people get re-established."

"For me, it's all about changing lives," concludes Major Bridger. "It's not about what I can do, because I can do nothing without God. Being able to take somebody off the street, to see God work in their life and the change that comes about—there are no words to describe that feeling." 





In anticipation of  
Symposium 2008,  
Salvationists across the  
territory take stock of  
how the Army is fulfilling  
its mission in their local  
communities

# Mapping a New Direction

## Part Five

**A**t the 2005 territorial symposium, five key issues were identified as being a priority for further action and discussion: 1. Salvation Army Identity; 2. Interacting with Current Culture; 3. Authority, Formal Relationships and Partners; 4. Discipleship and Spiritual Growth; and 5. Leadership in Organizational Change. In preparation for Symposium 2008, Salvationist is publishing comments from former delegates on how these issues are being worked out in their local situation. This month:

### Leadership in Organizational Change

Have you observed any specific changes or improvements in leadership style, both at the local level and within the larger Army? If so, comment on any positive elements or whether you feel we could be doing better.

While attempts have been made to reform the leadership style within the larger Army, there is still more that can be done. Each congregation has differing needs and vision. Consultation with the corps regarding a change of officers is necessary. Corps members should have the opportunity to "meet" prospective new pastors.

While there has been great improvement in the length of corps officer appointments, there is also a need to lengthen appointments for both divisional and territorial leaders. Changes at these levels can bring a new vision and understanding of the ministry units, while the greater need is for stability and continuity in order to provide a clear focus and mission.

A continued understanding and validation of those in lay ministry is also necessary. In many cases, individuals who have been hired by the local congregation are just as qualified as the officers and have the same passion for God and his ministry. The validation of these positions would further enable lay leaders to pursue full-time ministry outside of officership.

**Darryl Burry**  
Kelowna CC, B.C. Div

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Army administration needs to be careful about getting the right officer mix to fit individual congregations as part of the appointment process, especially in the context of rural ministries. We need to make sure we don't try to "urbanize" corps that are not in urban areas.

**Howard Bridger**  
Triton, N.L. W Div

I believe that our corps leadership is showing more flexibility. For example, because of a large snowstorm, our Easter cantata was performed instead of the "already planned" Sunday morning ser-

vice. I believe this to be progressive. Not only did it provide options, it probably reached more people and made for a real change from the traditional service.

I also feel that our leadership teams are working well. The traditional positions of power are not directly linked with directorship of the councils and I appreciate that variety in leadership. The voting process to elect corps leaders, though sometimes problematic, seems to be a positive change.

**Karen Butler**  
London Citadel, Ont. GL Div

The introduction of the new mission board style of corps leadership is a great change. It empowers local leaders to be the governing body, thus removing much of the administrative work from the officers so they can do the job God has called them to do.

One area that needs further improvement is the officer appointment process. Much progress has been made in recent years and the new consultative approach between the officers, the corps mission board and the divisional or area commander is very positive. Greater consultation and communication with the corps mission board is still necessary for all types of moves. We need to work hard to be transparent so that our congregations are not negatively impacted by decisions that are made.

**Glenna Cryderman**  
Saskatoon Temple,  
Prairie & Northern Ttys Div

As we have few local leaders here, the greatest change in leadership style



would have been when I, a single woman, took over from the previous corps officers, a married couple with children. It meant a real adjustment for the congregation and I can only hope it may have caused some growth.

Where I have seen the greatest change in leadership style is at the divisional level. With last year's restructuring has come a less directive and more supportive and empowering approach. That said, there is still room for improvement, such as allowing more freedom on the local level to make decisions concerning our own affairs.

**Captain Bonita Hebert**  
Église Communautaire  
de l'Outaouais, Gatineau,  
Quebec Div

At the local level, we challenge our leaders to be involved in Bible study and give God their best through leadership in the corps. We also encourage them to take training courses whenever possible. Here in Brantford we have a high energy flow as we have just moved into a new building and the excitement is high. Still, we could do even better by thinking outside the box. We need to re-evaluate the effectiveness of our past efforts if we want to build for the future in new and exciting ways. A big change here is the introduction of a praise and worship team. This gets both positive and negative comments—thankfully, more on the positive side.

Looking at the greater Army, we need to be seen as more consistent. For example, I think the return to commissioning new officers as lieutenants is a negative. I'd like to see what this year's change to a provincial camping model in Ontario really offers. There are many who loved the old divisional camps.

**Captain Dora Keeping**  
Wyndfield CC, Brantford, Ont. GL Div

At our corps, we have been trying to introduce a team approach to leadership. People don't want the whole responsibility of taking on a specific ministry but are willing to share it. I think this is working for the most part, as people get used to the idea that the officers don't have to lead everything. We are continuing to work on this and people are beginning to step in and get involved. One example is that one of our members took on the responsibility of a Bible study so that the

officers could start another Alpha group. Also, the women's group is run by a team of which the officer is only a small part.

In the Army as a whole, we have had many changes in Saskatchewan, most notably the introduction of area commanders, which has been positive. This new system works better as a means of support for the corps.

**Captain Jennifer Loner**  
Swift Current, Sask.,  
Prairie & Northern Ttys Div

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administration"*

On a divisional level, the introduction of area commanders has certainly been a positive change. DHQ is more accessible and involved at the local level than it was under the previous structure.

**Captain Tiffany Marshall**  
Formerly of St. Albert Church and  
Community Centre, Alta.,  
Prairie & Northern Ttys Div

At the corps level, we have been working with the pastoral administrative style, which has seen the cross-section of veterans and new soldiers and adherents working together. There is training and coaching of new leaders. There used to be an ongoing dialogue between the grassroots Salvationists in local corps and

Army administration. This was vitally important, but for some reason it seems to have discontinued. It was an excellent opportunity to share the vision as well as listen to the people. It is important to strike that balance.

**Rosemary Phillips**  
North Street Citadel, Hamilton, Bermuda

Living in a city where there are five traditional corps and one church plant, I believe we have to make a concerted effort to partner in our initiatives. For example, community outreach such as open-air meetings, downtown ministries and tailor-made programs for specific groups could be offered more regularly if we pooled our resources. Our young people could lead the way through integrated youth group activities. We could also do more to partner with the community by participating in initiatives such as Habitat for Humanity construction projects. Our corps spear-

headed a major fundraising campaign for the construction of a nurses' residence in Tshelanyemba, Zimbabwe, where Major (Dr.) Dawn Howse was the only medical officer working in the hospital. Raising the necessary funds required a major community effort. It was a huge success. Rotary International was particularly generous with their financial support.

**Arlene Riche**  
St. John's Temple, N.L. E Div

The idea of area commanders is intriguing. However, it may be a little early to give a good account of that. This division has undergone a merger in the past year. A lot has happened and is continuing to happen as I write. I think that overall the changes are for the better and exciting days are ahead, provided the larger Army does not shuffle its leadership around for a while. Stability is key.

**Captain Ron Wickens**  
Former CO, Fenelon Falls, Ont. CE Div

This has been a huge struggle for us. Getting the right people for local leadership positions is a challenge. We have adopted the new administrative model. While it is quite new for us, it looks very promising.

**Captain Carson Decker**  
Former CO, Sackville, N.S.,  
Maritime Div



# Music to My Ears

How the rich tradition of Army music has kept my heart in tune with God

by Major Ray Harris, Director of Academic Studies, CFOT

*Before a young man is ordained into the ministry, he should practise music in school”*  
— Martin Luther

I’m not sure what Martin Luther might have thought about the controversy surrounding *Hockey Night in Canada’s* theme song. But I do think he was on to something regarding music and ordained ministry. My musical teeth were cut in The Salvation Army and my vows of ordination have been lived out within that same expression of the Church. Music and The Salvation Army have been inseparable in my life. But the way they have interacted invites some comment.

As a young boy growing up in Hamilton, Ont., I learned to appreciate good instrumental music. Each Sunday evening the Hamilton Citadel Band marched up James Street toward an outdoor service. Striding along the sidewalk beside my dad in the trombone section, I took two steps for every one of his. Before long I, too, was given a trombone to play, even though my young arms could barely reach the sixth position. Without knowing it, I had entered the world not only of Salvation Army musicianship, but the greater world of Western music.

A few decades later, I commenced a vocation as a Salvation Army officer with my wife, Cathie. This calling has taken us from the Oil Sands in Alberta to Signal Hill in St. John’s, N.L. It has also taken us from

pastoral privileges of corps officership to the educational privileges at CFOT and Booth College. Music has never been far from these appointments, whether choosing some of Charles Wesley’s great hymns for worship or conducting cadet ensembles in our training colleges.

Both music and The Salvation Army have their own integrity. But I’m convinced that my practise of music has better enabled me to carry out my tasks as an officer. Let me explain.

## Finding Balance

First of all, I am convinced that Salvation Army musicianship has helped me hold together the sacred and secular. The Church often struggles with this polarization. In recent decades, a whole industry has developed around the notion of “sacred music,” with its too easy dismissal of “secular music.” One difficulty with this is that we end up dividing what God has joined together. That polarization did not confront me as a Salvationist bandsman. I learned to play not only Dean Goffin and Bramwell Coles but Tchaikovsky and Mozart. There was a richness to my musical world, and I believe this helped me view the whole world as belonging to God. As the Psalmist put it, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it” (Psalm 24:1, emphasis mine). Our own Salvation Army songbook expresses a similar conviction:

*So shall no part of day or night  
From sacredness be free;*

*But all my life, in every step,  
Be fellowship with thee.*

— Horatius Bonar, SASB 7

Salvation Army music refuses to put the sacred and secular in separate compartments. As the song says, “He’s got the whole world in his hands.”

## Exploring Depth

Salvation Army musicianship has also nurtured in me a commitment to depth. I appreciate good instrumental music, whether it’s the Canadian Brass, the Winnipeg Symphony or the Scruncheons Percussion Ensemble in St. John’s, N.L. I recall one occasion with the Hamilton Citadel Band when we returned from an engagement. I thought we had played well, but the bandmaster pulled out the same piece of music at the next rehearsal and said, “OK, let’s start to work at the *depths* of this music.”

In his book *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster laments a characteristic of North American spirituality: “Superficiality is the curse of our age.... The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for *deep* people.”

During my officership there have been those who pushed me to greater depths in pastoral care, teaching and administration. And I realize that Salvation Army music has contributed to this. In my view, there is a strong connection between interpreting the depths of music and interpreting the



depths of biblical, human and cultural texts. Our musical tradition, with its commitment to practising its depths, has helped me with that aspect of Christian faith and life.

### Learning New Concepts

This note of interpretation leads me to a third observation: Salvation Army musicianship has helped to arm me with metaphors and analogies for my work as an officer. (Some might say, “Too much so!”) For instance, when teaching theology, I struggle to help students and cadets grasp the concept of the Trinity. To speak of God as “three in one” only begs the question: “Three what? And one what?”

The notion of polyphonic music has helped me when thinking of God as trinitarian. Polyphonic music in the Western tradition involves several independent melodies weaving together in a creative unity. Campfire songs sometimes do that (remember “Fish ‘n’ chips and vinegar...?”). One of my favourites is the ending of Benjamin Britten’s *The Young People’s Guide to the Orchestra*. It’s a Christian conviction that God is trinitarian—Father, Son and Holy Spirit weave their separate “persons” together in a creative unity. Polyphonic!

At a personal level, Salvation Army officers can feel fragmented because of the different demands of ministry. Yet

20th-century Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote from his Nazi prison cell of the “polyphony of life.” Rather than letting the varied demands of leadership fragment, “Christianity puts us into many different dimensions of life at the same time,” he declared. “Life isn’t pushed back into a single dimension, but is kept multi-dimensional and polyphonic.” Life can be viewed as polyphonic because God is trinitarian.

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### Discovering Grace

Finally, Salvation Army musicianship has helped me understand what poet Rainer Maria Rilke has called “the grace of great things.” The consumer mentality of the West reduces people and events to commodities, with the result that they are viewed as objects. The Christian faith, however, claims we are caught up in a huge story, involving the greatness of God’s grace.

Through Army music camps, weekly

rehearsals, Sunday worship, Calgary Stampede parades, carolling in psychiatric wards and prisons, I have come to realize that there truly is “the grace of great things” at work in our world. The band is greater than any one musician; the music is greater still; and music itself points to something still greater.

It has been my privilege to accompany people in moments of personal tragedy and to rejoice in moments of superb accomplishment. In the beginnings and endings, the pain and the laughter, I have discovered “the grace of great things.” I am indebted to Salvation Army musicianship for opening my life up to that expression of grace.

The journey from the obligatory tune of *Duke Street* to Stravinsky’s *The Rite of Spring* has been fascinating. Along the way I have appreciated Bill Haley and the Comets, Simon and Garfunkel, the Cantus Vocum Chamber Choir of St. John’s, N.L., and Japanese Taiko drumming. Although tempted, I’m not prepared to make mastery of a brass instrument a requirement for ordination as a Salvation Army officer! However, it’s difficult for me to imagine my vocation as an officer without good music; and it’s difficult for me to imagine good music without The Salvation Army.

Now, if I can just locate my old *Arban’s Tutor*... 

### Letters



### More Soldiers Needed

It was with fondness and regret that I read through your April issue on soldiership. Fondness because 31 years ago I accepted Christ through The Salvation Army, but regret to read that you are losing membership. Perhaps the Army has not been active enough in outreach in recent years. I see very little sign of street evangelism anymore in my community. Young people today are searching for meaning in life, yet there is no soldier in uniform to lead them to the truth. The local corps hosts a food bank and breakfast program for the poor, but face-to-face evangelism is absent. I pray that I will see Salvation Army soldiers in the front lines of battle again both here and in every town and city I visit.

Robert Mosurinjohn,  
Peterborough, Ont.

### A Common Mistake

I was very amused with a mistake in my story as published in your June issue (*A Career in Music*). On two occasions it mentioned that I was from the Isle of Wright,

which should have been the Isle of Wight. You’re not the only ones to get it wrong. About a year ago a postage stamp was issued listing it as the Isle of White. It was immediately recalled, but there are probably hundreds of them now missing along with some very rich stamp collectors!

Deryck Diffey, Markham, Ont.

### Stick to What We Believe

I was disturbed by the review of Rob Bell’s *Velvet Elvis* under Hot Summer Reading in your July issue. When I first heard of this book, I was appalled. Along with others in the emergent church movement, Bell questions some of the foundational beliefs on which the Church was built, even the authority of the Bible itself. I became a Christian in 1969 because I believed what the Bible said. My husband and I have only recently become Salvation Army soldiers, having been attracted by the Army’s strong sense of values and principles based on the Scriptures. We sincerely hope the inclusion of this review and the implied sanction of Bell’s book

does not reflect the views of The Salvation Army. Furthermore, I hope and pray that the Army will continue to stand up and defend the Bible as the true and authoritative Word of God.

Lisette Renaud, Wetaskiwin, Alta.

### Passive Witness Not Enough

My compliments on your July issue, which I found most interesting and relevant. I appreciated the interview with Rick Tobias (Peaceable Evangelism), but strongly disagree with his view that his staff (or any Christian) should not be introducing Christ into conversations. This passive form of witnessing just by one’s lifestyle is not consistent with New Testament teaching and practice. Nowhere are we told to simply remain silent and live the Christian life until someone asks us about our faith. The scriptural pattern is to boldly proclaim the gospel with the goal of making disciples, and to live out the Christian life unapologetically and leave the results with God.

Terry Dunn, Mississauga, Ont.



# An Uncertain Future

by Ruud Tinga, Editor-in Chief,  
The Netherlands and Czech Republic Territory

Surrounded by filth, poverty and disease, children living in the slums of Kibera discover hope and a future through the ministry of The Salvation Army

**H**ome to more than a million people, Kenya's Kibera is one of the largest slum communities in the world. Located on the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya's capital, the Kibera slum is densely populated (2.5 square kilometres) with the vast majority of its residents living in abject poverty. It's estimated that nearly 20 percent of the community is infected with HIV/AIDS, and that half of the population is younger than 15. One of these children is Graham, five, who lives with his mother and younger brother in a one-room, one-storey shelter.

Kibera has thousands of these shelters built from clay, discarded wood, cardboard and corrugated iron. When it rains, the water often leaks through the roof and walls. Despite these horrible conditions, the

people living in these shelters, such as Graham and his family, still have to pay rent to land-owners. There is no electricity, drinking water or lavatories. With no healthy way to dispose of human waste, small plastic bags are used, tied up and then thrown away as far as possible. The small alleys between the shelters are covered with these "flying toilets" and other waste. The smell is unbearable.

Graham's mother Margareth, 30, is the sole caregiver for the family, as her husband died of AIDS in 2003. When Graham was born, Margareth tested positive for HIV. Her two sons are not infected, and Margareth hopes that her medication will keep her alive long enough to see her daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

The Salvation Army oper-

ates a church and day-care centre in Kibera. Eighty children—the majority of them AIDS orphans—attend kindergarten classes. Each weekday, Graham walks with his little rucksack from home to school and back. His future is uncertain, as he, too, may become an orphan like many of his friends at school.

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The Salvation Army compound contrasts with the filth of the surrounding community. When people walk through the yellow, red and blue gate, they step into a different world: everything is clean, quiet and peaceful. In 2007, the kindergarten classrooms were renovated and a play garden was established in the centre of the compound. In addition to the classrooms, the Army has a corps building, a humble residence for the officers and a vocational training centre where women can learn how to make clothes.

Margareth and most Kibera residents work in and around their homes. They try to earn a living with everything and nothing. In small shops and stalls, second-hand clothes, utensils and food are sold. During the day, the slum streets bustle with activity. At night,



the streets are dark, dangerous and silent. In the late hours it is not wise to leave the shelters, because a human life is not worth much in Kibera.

In her poor shelter, Margaret explains that her medication has to be taken with meals, but that she has not enough money to buy food. "I earn a little bit of money washing clothes for other people, but that is not enough to support my family. I'm grateful that The Salvation Army pays Graham's school fees and provides him with a meal at school. That means fewer worries for me, but I still have to care for his little brother. I need new mattresses because the ones we use now are wet and dirty because of leakage. There are times when I can't see the light at the end of the tunnel, but despite it all, I know that God cares for us."

The Salvation Army does its best to help the people of Kibera, but this ministry

relies on the financial support of donors in other countries. Captains David and Grace Musyoli, corps officers, remain committed to offering hope and a future to children like Graham. "Our faith in God and his Son, Jesus Christ, is the reason why we want to help the people in Kibera," says Captain Grace Musyoli. "Our faith gives hope, despite the inhumane and almost hopeless situation in which people have to live. We testify about this hope in our church meetings on Sunday, but during the week we want to show it in a practical way." S

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**Top: Cpt Grace Musyoli visits with Graham and his family in their home; bottom: children play at the Salvation Army day-care centre in Kibera**



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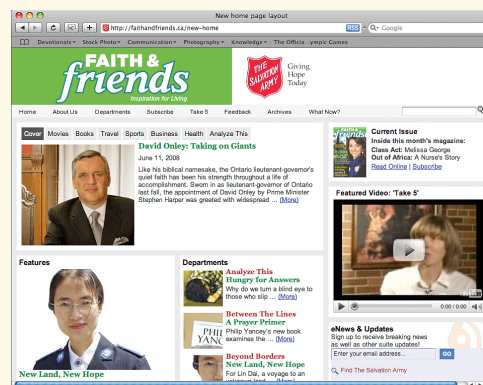
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# Welcoming the World

How do we extend friendship to people transitioning to a new land?

*In this Salvationist series, Captain Amy Reardon, Editor of Young Salvationist, U.S.A. National Headquarters, and Dr. James Read, Executive Director of The Salvation Army Ethics Centre in Winnipeg, dialogue about moral and ethical issues.*

**Dear Jim,**

**A**s you know, I grew up in the Greater Los Angeles Area. As a Californian, I thought I lived in the most culturally eclectic place in the world. But when I became engaged to a Canadian and went to Toronto, I realized I was mistaken. I'd never seen the ethnic variety Toronto has to offer. What an exciting city! The first time I visited, I couldn't help but wonder how so many immigrants could come to the country with no trouble. I knew it wasn't easy to get into America.

Actually, the American process was more laborious than I thought. Though our case was atypical, my husband didn't receive his permanent "green card" until we'd been married more than 12 years. But people can't tell he's a foreigner just by looking at him. I always enjoy watching the surprise and approval on the faces of immigrants from more exotic places when they learn my husband is "one of them" and they hear of the struggles he endured with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Still, as a Canadian moved south, he does have the advantage of melding into a culture that's not too different from his own. But in Toronto, with its extravagant mix of peoples, I wonder what it would be like to move to a land where everything is different from home. What if I couldn't speak the language? Perhaps I would find myself in some ethnic ghetto, an indistinguishable face among many. Perhaps I'd meet barriers while in pursuit of a job, even if I could speak the language. We've all heard tales of immigrants who were doctors or lawyers in their country of origin who took a job earning a low hourly wage once they came to North America. There's nothing wrong with that kind of

hard work, but there is a sense of loss when one considers that the man bagging your groceries was trained to treat your allergies or defend you in a lawsuit.

It is not unusual for the Army to structure a corps to meet the needs of a certain ethnic group. I've seen quite a number of Latino, Korean and Chinese corps. The segregation this causes is a concern for me. But I suppose if I had just moved to El Salvador, I'd be very excited to find a corps where I could worship in my own language, sing the songs I knew and eat American food at a potluck dinner. So I understand the need for ethnically-based corps.

Although these corps generally flourish, the subject of immigrants remains unaddressed at most "regular" corps. While

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the Army can take pride in the way its social services and ethnic corps address cultural needs, what have we done to teach the rest of our soldiery about reaching out to immigrants? Have we built walls between us as we develop ethnic corps, without nurturing a link between them and non-ethnic corps?

The Old Testament addresses the issue of immigrants over and over again, which makes me think that God cares very much about their circumstances. Take Leviticus 19:33-34 for example: "When foreigners reside among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigners residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your

God." Jesus put it more succinctly: "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 22:39).

I don't need anybody to train me to take a casserole to a neighbour. I'm talking about something a little deeper. Maybe I want corps to educate their soldiers about the predominant immigrant cultures in their areas. Or maybe I want corps to use their soldiery to set up some sort of service that immigrants need. Maybe corps could train their children, so that junior soldiers don't make inappropriate jokes or tease others because they are different. I'm not really sure what we need. But I do feel that the Church must do more to extend friendship and love to people transitioning to a new land.

Salvationists are busy people, I know. Jim, do you think this is an issue that is important enough to be added to our mission agendas?

**Amy**

**Dear Amy,**

**I**'d say these absolutely *are* issues for our mission agendas. I've shown your letter to a few friends and family members, and it's been easy to get them talking.

Like your husband, Rob, my wife, Laurie, and I know something of the immigrant experience first-hand. We spent eight years in the U.S.A. Most Americans were very hospitable. Laurie and I felt welcomed and have formed lifelong friendships with people in the three states where we lived. But from the standpoint of the U.S. government, we were always "non-resident aliens," which didn't exactly shout, "Make yourself at home."

By the way, I remember meeting Rob in Denver. (Nice guy, eh?) Didn't he originally move to the States to take a job with The Salvation Army? This international Army of ours has had a hand in the migration of many people over the years.

Here's a little Canadian trivia, Amy. Between 1905 and 1930, The Salvation Army was responsible for the immigration into Canada of more than





200,000 people. If you estimate how many kids these immigrants had, there are probably a couple of million people now in Canada who owe their citizenship to The Salvation Army!

I have ethical problems with some aspects of that program (many kids under 14 came without any family; they came from Britain as part of a scheme to strengthen the Britishness of Canada). All the same, there was a core of Christian compassion in it since the Army intentionally opened the way to a land of opportunity for the poor. Canada's immigration policies are very different nowadays.

What's that poem in the base of the Statue of Liberty?

*Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to  
breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your  
teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-  
tost to me.*

Many of us know this is the spirit that brought our families to Canada and the U.S.A. generations ago, but that spirit is largely gone. Today Canada has places for about 250,000 immigrants a year, but preference is given to those with money and education, not the world's destitute.

According to our government, there are about 11.4 million refugees in the world today. Canada annually resettles 10,000 to 12,000. That seems pretty pal-

try until I remember that I myself have never been part of a corps that has directly sponsored even one refugee family. This despite the fact that The Salvation Army is a government-recognized refugee sponsor organization.

Of course, it's not easy to solve these problems. Over half of Toronto's current population was born outside Canada. And about 150,000 new Canadians arrive there each year. Just accommodating that rate of growth alone is something I can't fathom, let alone managing the issues of language, food, job-fit and driving style.

But we can't just shrug and turn away from it just because it's complex. Not if we want to be Christians. As you say, concerns arising from the migration of people are everywhere in the Bible. You cite Leviticus 19. I'd add Deuteronomy 10:17-19, which says that God is not partial—that God loves the stranger, resident alien, sojourner, migrant (all possible translations of the Hebrew *ger*) as well as the Israelite; that God provides them with food and clothing, and enjoins the Israelites to love them, too.

What's unclear to me about the Old Testament vision is whether immigrants are to be assimilated or accommodated—made family or kept at a respectful distance. I find evidence for both.

The New Testament context is different. Israel was a state; the New Testament church wasn't. So the question of laws

governing treatment of aliens doesn't come up. But the New Testament vision is clear and consistent—everyone in all creation is to have equal “citizenship” under the “lordship” of Jesus Christ. It is indisputable that the good news is for everyone, and that in Christ there is no longer “Jew or Gentile” (see Galatians 3:28).

This is what led William Booth to write “O boundless salvation... the whole world redeeming,” and Bramwell Booth to say (in the context of the First World War), “All lands are my Fatherland because all lands are my Father's.” The Salvation Army facilitates internationalism because it takes equal access to the gospel seriously.

I am proud of all that. What I am less proud of is what I see as a preference for cultural homogenization. An officer friend with immigration experience says, “Even among Christians you hear such things as: ‘They want to change

everything—why don't they just become like everyone else?’ and ‘Why can't they just become Canadians and leave all that foreign stuff behind?’”

My ideal is one in which diversity-in-unity abounds. I don't think that's just because I've been brainwashed by current Canadian multiculturalism fads. When I read Acts 2, I see the Spirit validating everyone's mother tongue. Revelation 7 envisions “a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe and people and language.” It makes me hope that there might be Thai soup and French poetry in the age to come. (Reading this, my daughter-in-law suggests that I am “guilty of being ‘entertained’ by ethnicity without interacting on a personal level with people from other cultures. Overcoming the xenophobia that bubbles up with new smells, flavours, sounds and customs is one thing; building community is another.” She's right!)

I'm not sure if you were there yourself, Amy, but I was thrilled to attend a congress in the U.S.A. West a few years ago and find events being simultaneously translated into 19 languages. It fit my sense of the Kingdom. It held out the promise that you can have unity without uniformity. So, although I know lots of people disagree with me, I say let “ethnic corps” flourish. It might be a logistical headache to do things this way, but some headaches are worth having.

**Jim** S



## ENROLMENTS



**BURNABY, B.C.**—Four young people proudly display their Soldier's Covenants as the newest soldiers at Cariboo Hill Temple. From left, Mjr Jamie Braund, CO, Joanna Braund, Josh Mills, Sarah Foster, Jose Benitez and Mike Burge, youth pastor



**WINNIPEG**—Comr John Nelson and Lt-Col Ray Moulton proudly stand with granddaughters Kassandra Nelson and Kathleen Moulton following their enrolment as soldiers at Heritage Park Temple



**HIGH RIVER, ALTA.**—Cpts Jeff and Shannon Howard, COs, are pictured with new adherents, a new junior soldier and a recently commissioned CSM at Foothills Church and Community Ministries. Back row, from left, Cpt Shannon Howard, adherents Garfield Pohl, Carol Pohl and Breian Church, Cpt Jeff Howard, CSM Jim McIlveen. Front row, John Arndt, adherent, and Brittany Church, junior soldier



**SARNIA, ONT.**—New members are welcomed by Cpts Dale and Debbie Steward, former COs. From left, Linda Houlbrook, adherent, Jean Marie Smith and Edith Sitzes, soldiers



**HAMILTON, ONT.**—Mjrs Victor and Colleen Cyr, COs, Meadowlands, welcome new adherents Danielle and Andrew Burse and reinstated soldier Mike Barry



**WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C.**—New soldier Luz Wells is enrolled by Cpt Denise Walker, former CO



**CORNER BROOK, N.L.**—New families are welcomed at Corner Brook Citadel. From left, Mjrs Robert and Cassie Kean, COs; CSM Mona West; Jeff Porter with daughters Sarah and Emily; Penney Burton with daughter Maci; Colleen Regular with son Alvin; Kevin and Terri-Lynn Jenkins with baby Claire



**GAMBO, N.L.**—Three new soldiers proudly display their Soldier's Covenants, supported by corps leaders. From left, Mjrs Darryl and Cathy Simms, COs; retired CSM Gus Saunders, preparation class instructor; Whitney White; Kendra Goulding; Ada-Mae Wicks; YPSM Barbara Hayter; CSM Marvin Wells

**CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.**—Steffen Hood is enrolled as a soldier during a visit by Mjrs Bond and Marina Jennings, COs, Fairview Citadel CC, Halifax. From left, Mjrs Marina and Bond Jennings, Steffen Hood, Mjrs Stephen and Elaine Hibbs, COs, Charlottetown CC



### A Caring Touch

**WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C.**—Each year women from the corps pack approximately 200 sunshine bags full of toiletries, pens, Bible markers and *Faith & Friends* magazines. Others knit toques and afghans for local seniors' homes and blankets and booties for babies. It's a ministry that is much appreciated by local recipients. From left, CCM member Dina Kennedy with Linda Hollett, Marilyn Rowe and Kathleen Bennett





## Honorary Doctorates

ST. JOHN'S, N.L.—Aux-Cpt Mrs. Gladys Osmond proudly displays her honorary doctor of laws degree supported by family members at Memorial University of Newfoundland. She was honoured for her work in supporting Canadian troops serving overseas



ST. JOHN'S, N.L.—John Crosbie Perlin, chairperson of the St. John's Advisory Board, is pictured with Mjr Ray Rowe, DC, N.L. E Div, and Mjr Loretta Fudge, former PR director, following presentation of an honorary doctor of laws from Memorial University of Newfoundland. The degree was awarded to recognize his lifetime of contribution to arts and culture within the community

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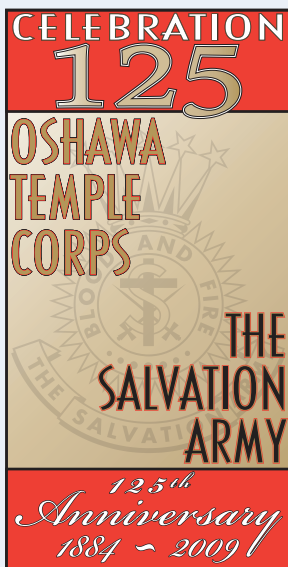


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Cpt Denise Walker (Oct 15-Dec 8)

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### Retirement addresses

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Oct 3-4 women's conference, Man. & N.W. Ont. Div\*; Oct 10-12 Thanksgiving Congress, Toronto; Oct 18-19 CFOT, Winnipeg; Oct 24-27 Nelson, B.C.; Oct 30-Nov 2 Territorial Symposium, JPCC

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### General and Mrs. Bramwell H. Tillsley (Rtd)

Oct 19 Brengle Holiness Institute, JPCC

### Canadian Staff Band

Oct 4-5 Lion's Head/Owen Sound/Wiarton, Ont.; Nov 16 Toronto Santa Claus Parade

## 50 Years and Counting

BURNABY, B.C.—In June, 43 people, including members of the Toronto CFOT Courageous Session, and family and friends, held a reunion at Cariboo Hill Temple to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their commissioning as officers in 1958. The Saturday evening banquet gave opportunity for personal reflection and sharing, as well as special moments to remember the 15 colleagues who have been promoted to Glory over the years. Following special recognition during the Sunday morning worship service, most of the group embarked on a seven-day cruise to Alaska, where a rich time of fellowship made lasting memories for years to come.



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## TRIBUTE



VICTORIA—A lifelong Salvationist, **Ernie Stokes** was a man of faith whose humour, compassion and generosity of spirit endeared him to people from all walks of life. He served with his wife, Ruth, for several years as an officer and later worked in correctional services for the province of Alberta. Both in Edmonton and later in Victoria, Ernie was involved in many aspects of corps ministry. He had a special interest in youth and was a commissioner in the boy scout movement. As a bandsman, he worked with young people at summer camps and in semi-retirement ministered to young offenders. Ernie loved sports and continued to play hockey and curling up to the age of 60. A member of the Rotary Club, he twice received the Paul Harris Award. Ernie is missed by his wife, Ruth; daughter, Robyn (David) Peat; sons Derrick (Beth) and Randy (Lynn); grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; sisters Irene Horne and Dorothy Hall, and many friends.



NEW WATERFORD, N.S.—**Albert Earl Watts** was an active Salvation Army soldier throughout his life, first at New Waterford and then Sydney, N.S. He grew up as a young bandsman at New Waterford, where he later became bandmaster and also served as a songster and Sunday school teacher. For more than 40 years, Earl worked as a miner. He also was a member of the volunteer fire department, serving as both deputy chief and chief. Throughout his life he loved Army band music and every year travelled to Halifax to attend concerts by Fairview Citadel Band, who honoured him in later years by making him an honorary member. Earl is survived by daughter, Major Linda Watts; son, Keith; sisters Laura (John) MacKennon and Catherine (John) Head; and brother, Kenneth.

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# Forgive Them, Father

Moving from hurt to healing is not easy, but in God's strength it is possible

by Major Kathie Chiu

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I was absolutely devastated. It wasn't the first time I had felt the verbal blow from my husband's brother, but this time his words came pounding like rapid machine-gun fire. Their wounds left permanent scars that bothered me for years.

How do you forgive someone when they've hurt you so badly? How do you stop the emotional pain from filling your mind? And how do you stop the constant dwelling on the situation and replaying it over and over in your mind, role-playing your imaginary response at night before falling asleep?

There is no magic formula to forgiveness. There are no words you can chant that will make all the pain go away. For people who have been inflicted with severe trauma, their lives can take on a whole new horror. Fear can seep in and pervasively take over their daily routines, even their entire lives.

Some people may wonder why we should forgive. But we must remember that God designed forgiveness for us, not for the offender. "For if you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you," said Jesus. "But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins" (Matthew 6:14-16).

The Greek term for "forgive" (*aphiemi*) occurs 142 times in the New Testament. It means to acquit, to let go, to remove guilt or obligation of punishment. It comes from the concept of a prisoner being released or someone who owes money having their debt cancelled. When we forgive, we are saying that we will no longer hold that person responsible for their wrongdoing and not bring it up against them again. Forgiveness doesn't mean that we ignore the sin or overlook it, just that we

will not seek a penalty for it.

So, how do we actually forgive someone? First, we must cultivate an attitude of *grace and forgiveness*. It helps to think of others as being like ourselves—ordinary sinners in need of Christ's healing.


Secondly, we must *strive to be different from the world*. We live in a self-centred society that is often quick to condemn others for their mistakes. We must train ourselves to examine our thoughts in the light of Scripture. If it is a right thought, keep it. If not, reject it. We can reinforce this by reciting or focusing on positive biblical truths each day.

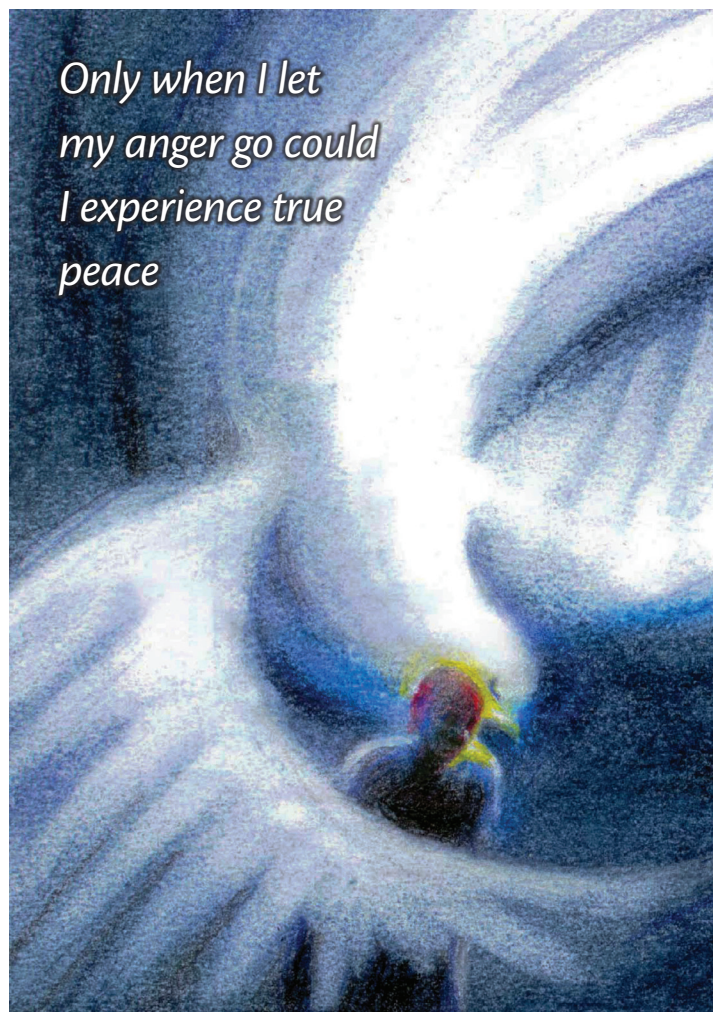
If you are working through the process of forgiveness, here are some steps you can take:

1. **Separate the spiritual debt from your anger.** When someone sins against you, they owe you a spiritual debt. The Bible is clear: "In your anger do not sin" (Ephesians 4:26). Pray: "Lord, please do not hold their actions against them. I declare that they do not have any debt to me."
2. **Release the person who hurt you to God.** Pray: "Lord, I give this person over to you. He is not my responsibility, but yours."
3. **Thank God for the good that will come out of the situation.** You may not see it at the moment, but God promises that in all things he will work for the good of those who love him (see Romans 8:28).

4. **Emotionally release the person.** This takes time, but as understanding comes with wisdom and wisdom is gained through experience, you will get to this place. When that happens, you can let go and experience true peace.

For many years I was angry with my brother-in-law. He had hurt me so deeply. How could I ever forgive him for what he had done? Only when I let my anger go could I finally release him and experience true peace.

We often sing, "To be like Jesus! This hope possesses me." There is nothing more God-like than forgiving someone. When he faced the ultimate hurt on the cross, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). As mere human beings, it may seem impossible to be like him, but we must remember we don't do it in our own strength. To change the chorus slightly, "His Spirit helping us, like him we can be." 



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my anger go could  
I experience true  
peace*



## October 1-6

### Focus on Officers Serving Outside the Territory

- 1 Pray for Cpt Elizabeth Nelson, projects officer, Bangladesh Command
- 2 Pray for Mjrs Ariel and Joelle Westphal, Metz Corps, France Tty
- 3 Pray for Mjrs Bruce and Mildred Jennings, Corps Community Center, Traverse City, Michigan, U.S.A. Central Tty
- 4 Pray for Cpts Tony and Patricia Kennedy, DC and DDWM, Russia Div, Eastern Europe Tty

## October 5-11

### Focus on Ontario Central-East Division

- 5 Pray that God will help Salvationists be prepared for the Army's mission, faithful and courageous in engaging the vision, and ready and willing to proclaim and practise the Army's values
- 6 Pray for corps in the Greater Toronto Area, that they will have wisdom in responding to the gentrification of the inner city and a vision to address the new suburbia
- 7 Pray for committed lay leadership to continue and expand local corps ministries
- 8 Pray for financial resources to address the concerns of aging infrastructure in many corps buildings
- 9 Pray for the congregation at Scarborough Citadel, that they will have a vision for how God is calling them to show his love in their community
- 10 Pray for the Harvest of Hope Thanksgiving Congress in Toronto, Oct 10-12
- 11 Pray for the clients, staff and volunteers of the Maxwell Meighen Centre, Toronto, that God's welcome for the homeless will be lived out in its ongoing ministry

## October 12-18

### Focus on Our Core Values:

**Holiness—"We are shaped by the Bible and the example of Jesus through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit"**

- 12 Meditate on Leviticus 20:7-8
- 13 Meditate on Psalm 24
- 14 Meditate on Jesus' example in Matthew 4:1-10
- 15 Meditate on Jesus' prayer in John 17:13-19
- 16 Meditate on 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- 17 Thank God for how he has spoken to you about your personal holiness journey
- 18 Pray for the delegates and faculty of the Brengle Holiness Institute at Jackson's Point Conference Centre, Oct 19-24

New junior soldiers at Yorkminster Citadel, Toronto, are indicative of growth in the Ontario Central-East Division



## October 19-25

### Focus on the Corps Ministries Department

- 19 Pray that our services to seniors ministries will provide safe places for seniors to meet for fellowship, spiritual nurture, encouragement and information
- 20 Pray that the Careforce LifeKeys ministry will become better known, and that ministry units will avail themselves of this training to help bring healing and wholeness to those experiencing brokenness and pain
- 21 Pray for the recruitment and sustaining of passionate workers for our children's and youth ministries
- 22 Pray that a passion for spiritual formation and discipleship will grow among Salvationists
- 23 Pray for an increased desire among Salvationists to help mentor new believers and for new opportunities to become better equipped for this ministry
- 24 Pray that leaders in ministry units will be open to the leadership potential of young people—targeting, designating, encouraging, mentoring, equipping and challenging them for service

- 25 Pray that divisional youth leaders will receive wisdom and creativity as they facilitate the discipling of children and youth

## October 26-31

### Focus on Symposium 2008 (Oct 30-Nov 2)

- 26 Pray for wisdom in leadership for the chairperson and steering committee
- 27 Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance throughout the conference
- 28 Pray for safe travel for the delegates
- 29 Pray for wisdom and passion for each delegate as they seek to know God's will
- 30 Pray for unity and peace among the delegates and for the "self" to be lost to the will of God
- 31 Pray that delegates will experience the manifest presence of God throughout the conference

*The 2008 Prayer Diary is available online at [Salvationist.ca](http://Salvationist.ca). To receive your copy by e-mail, contact Major Gail Winsor, territorial spiritual life and prayer co-ordinator, at [gail\\_winsor@can.salvationarmy.org](mailto:gail_winsor@can.salvationarmy.org)*





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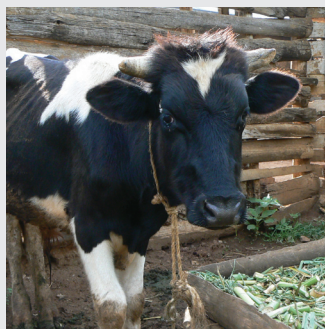
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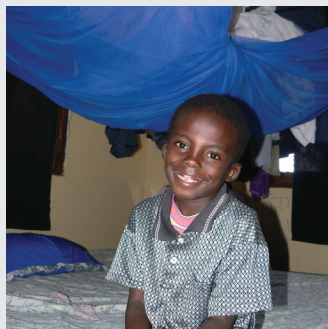
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